

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

Applicant has amended the claims to reflect the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to positively recite wedge wire. Claim 1 has also been amended to positively recite a buoyant organic absorber pillow.

Claims 1 through 22 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. It is now believed that these claims, subject to the §102(b) rejection, are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 3 as being anticipated by Morris et al. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a wedge wire screen "terminating in a lower edge hingedly connected to a bottom wall of said basin". Morris does not teach a screen terminating in a lower edge hingedly connected to a bottom

wall of the basin. Dependent claims 3-5 and 7-9 are dependent from claim 1 and should be in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 6 has been canceled. Claims 23-28 have also been canceled.

It is therefore urged that the claims as now presented for consideration are in allowable condition and action to that end is courteously solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, it is requested that the Examiner contact attorney for applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, this 27th day of April, 2006.


